

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Application No: 200340088

Applicant: Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Corp.

Waterway: Solitude Creek & Wetlands

Issue Date: June 12, 2003 Expiration Date: July 11, 2003

## **30 DAY NOTICE**

**Wyoming Regulatory Office** 

2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 210

Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

## JOINT NOTICE OF PERMIT PENDING U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The application of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Corporation, P.O. Box 290, Teton Village, Wyoming, 83025, is being considered by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska, for approval of plans and issuance of a permit under the authority of the Secretary of the Army. A permit, if issued, will be under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended.

The applicant has requested authorization to construct base area improvements at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. The purpose of the project is to improve recreational opportunities and enhance public safety in the base area at the Lower Eagles Rest and Teewinot Lifts.

The project includes replacement and relocation of the Eagle's Rest Lift; relocation of the lower terminal of the Teewinot Lift; grading of the base area around both lifts to flatten slopes; construction of the Eagle's Rest Cut-Off Trail; and improvements of the Antelope Flats, Werner, and Teewinot trails. Grading of the base area around both lifts would affect 0.35 acre of wetland. Base area improvements would also require relocation and burial of Solitude Creek in 270 linear feet of 30-inch culvert. Grading for the upper terminal of Eagle's Rest Lift would affect 0.13 acre of wetland. Construction of the Eagle's Rest Cut-Off Trail would affect .01 acre of wetland and would require installation of additional 24-inch culvert to pass a small unnamed stream under the trail. Other trail improvements would affect .08 acre of wetland and would include construction of a new open channel to divert a small amount of flow from Solitude Creek to another small stream. Improvement of Lower Werner Trail would also include installation of an additional 155 feet of 24-inch culvert in Solitude Creek. Overall, the project as proposed would affect 0.59 acre of wetland and 535 linear feet of Solitude Creek, including 425 feet that would be placed underground in culverts. The applicant has proposed compensatory mitigation through creation of 0.70 acre of wetland on-site and in-kind near the base area. Project plans and a summary table are attached. Please note that construction of the Half Pipe Extension does not require authorization and will not be considered in the evaluation.

The project area is located in the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Section 24, Township 42 North, Range 117 West, Teton County, Wyoming. A location map is also attached.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental affects, and other public interest factors. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the project.

Any person may request, in writing and within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held for the purpose of gathering additional information. Requests for public hearings must be identified as such and shall state specifically the reasons for holding a public hearing and shall identify what additional information would be obtained. The request must be submitted to the Corps at the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wyoming Regulatory Office 2232 Dell Range Boulevard, Suite 210 Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Any interested party (particularly officials of any town, county, state, federal agency, or local association whose interests may be affected by the project) is invited to submit to this office written facts, arguments, or objections on or before the expiration date of this notice. Any agency or individual having an objection to the project should specifically identify it as an objection with clear and specific reasons. Comments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted, made a part of the record and will receive full consideration in subsequent actions on this application. All replies to the public notice should be mailed to the address listed above. Mr. Thomas Johnson, telephone number (307) 772-2300, may be contacted for additional information.

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), Water Quality Division, Herschler Building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, will review the project with an intent to certify in accordance with provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended. The certification, if issued, will express the state's opinion that the project will not result in a violation of applicable water quality standards. The WDEQ hereby incorporates this public notice as its own public notice and procedures by reference thereto.

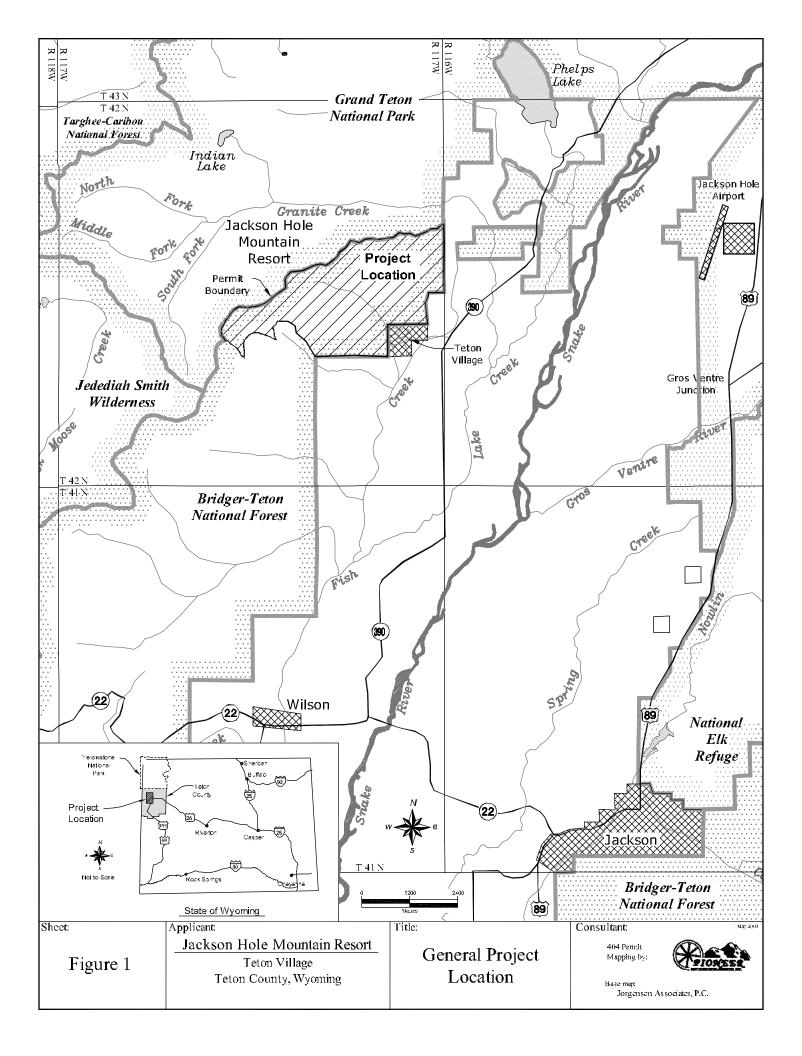
The entire project area is within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) and activities undertaken by the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort are governed by a Special Use Permit granted by the BTNF. Therefore, the Corps will rely on the BTNF for ensuring compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

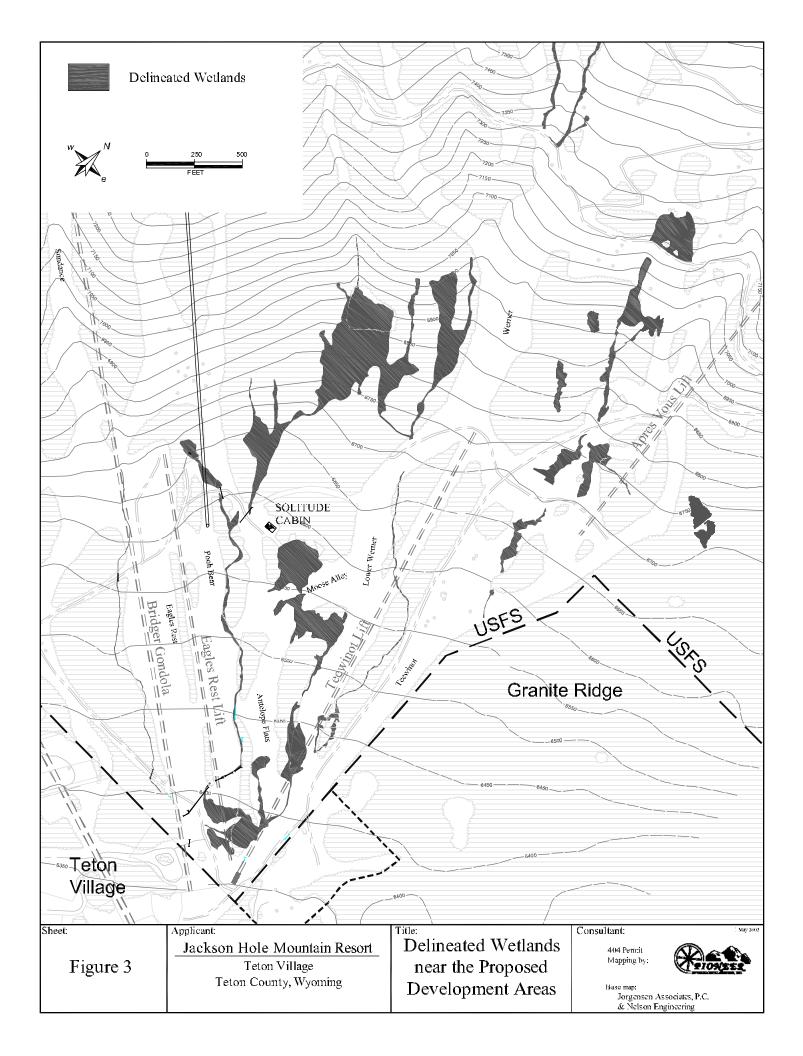
The Corps will also rely on the BTNF for ensuring compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

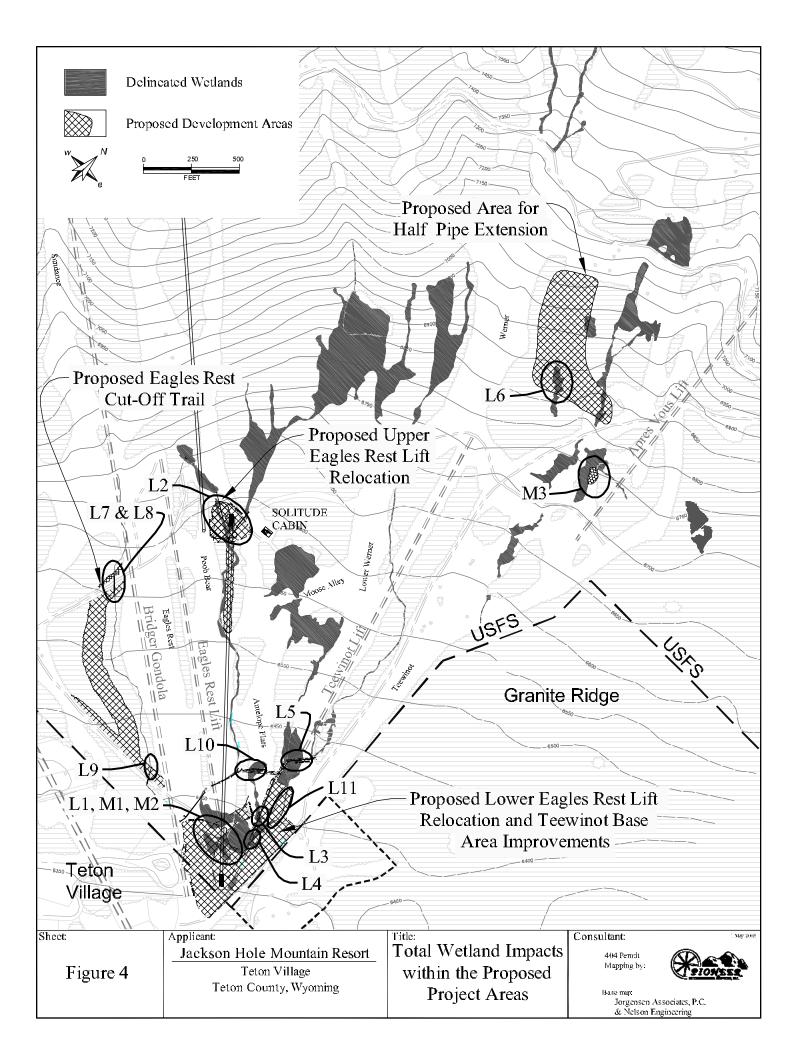
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the project on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife, flood plains, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, and considerations of property ownership. In addition, the evaluation will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404 (b) of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended (40 C.F.R.; Part 230).

Comments received after the close of business on the expiration date of this public notice will not be considered.

A complete copy of a document prepared by Pioneer Environmental Services, Inc. dated May 12, 2003, that contains detailed information on the proposed project to supplement the permit application is available from the Wyoming Regulatory Office web site at http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-rwy/Wyoming.htm.







Map Symbol	Nature of Impact	Wetland Classification	Square Feet	Acres Impacted	Cubic Yards of Fill	Figure ID
Impacts	Lack Related to Lift and Base A	Type	Impacted		OI FIII	
L1	Eagle's Rest Lift	Herbaceous	11,801	0.271	0	4a
	grading at base area	Ticroaccous	11,001	0.271	U	<del></del> a
L1	Eagle's Rest Lift grading at base area	Forested	1,885	0.043	0	4a
L2	Eagle's Rest Lift grading at upper terminal	Forested	5,461	0.125	405	4b
L3	Culvert placement in wetlands for reroute to Solitude Creek	Herbaceous	484	0.011	0	4c
L4	Solitude Creek relocation	Forested	1,157	0.027	0	4d
L5	Culvert placement in wetlands for reroute to Solitude Creek	Herbaceous	1,002	0.023	0	4e
L5	Culvert placement in wetlands for reroute to Solitude Creek	Forested	178	0.004	0	4e
<b>Impacts</b>	Related to the Eagle's Res	t Cut-Off Trail				
L7	Culvert placement	Herbaceous	30	0.0007	3	4g
L7	Culvert placement	Forested	36	0.0008	3	4g
L8	Culvert placement	Herbaceous	23	0.0005	2	4h
L8	Culvert placement	Forested	136	0.003	10	4h
L9	Culvert placement	Forested	169	0.004	13	4i
<b>Impacts</b>	Related to the Solitude Cr	reek Diversion				
L10	Open diversion channel	Herbaceous	1,010	0.023	0	4j
L10	Open diversion channel	Forested	35	0.0008	0	4j
Impacts	Related to Lower Werner	Trail				
L11	Grading	Herbaceous	2,226	0.051	165	4k
TOTAL FORESTED			9,057	0.208	431	
TOTAL HERBACEOUS			16,576	0.380	170	
CRAND	TOTAL		25,633	0.59	601	